

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that Congress has approved

Olver is a member of the Appropriations Committee and worked to secure the funding in the FY06 Defense

The conference report contains the following earmarks for UMass:

**Environmental Micro-Biological Energy Harvesting: \$1.2 million**

Scientists at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst have discovered and cultivated novel microorganisms

Olver said, "Researchers at UMass are leading the way on cutting-edge science that could make a big

Scientists at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington have already expressed an interest in

The microorganisms, which have scientific names such as Geobacter and Rhodoferrax, have demonstrated

**Center for Advanced Sensor and Communications Antennas: \$1.2 million**

The Center for Advanced Sensor and Communication Antennas is a partnership between the UMass Lowell

Olver said, "As a recognized leader in microwave engineering and antenna research, UMass has had

This project will help jump start technological advances in microwave technology, making antenna tech

The center will also strengthen high-tech industries in Massachusetts, spawning developments needed

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